



# NATIONAL

## Malhas opens seminar on leishmaniasis disease



Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas addresses audience at the inauguration of a three-day seminar on

leishmaniasis disease at the University of Jordan Monday.

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas, as deputy for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, today opened a three-day seminar on leishmaniasis disease at the University of Jordan.

During the seminar, 14 representatives from different Arab countries as well as a representative from France and another from the World Health Organisation (WHO), will discuss 40 research papers related to the fatal disease and health-related problems, especially in agricultural areas in the Arab World.

In his opening speech, Dr. Malhas praised the role the Crown Prince has been adopting in promoting scientific education and knowledge in the Arab World.

He asked the participants to unite their efforts in the field of leishmaniasis and its control, adding that scientific technology is the best weapons to face Israel.

Secretary General of the Arab Federation of Biologists, Azwar Nu'mun Khalaf then gave a speech in which he talked about the union and its activities since its est-

ablishment in 1972. He said this seminar is important since it would help the Arab World in its attempts at improving its scientific know-how.

Dr. Khalaf also pointed out that the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor was one of many attempts conducted by the enemy to hinder scientific progress in the Arab countries.

Dr. Elias Saliba, from the University of Jordan, then talked about the importance of the seminar in enriching Arab scientific heritage.

He confirmed that the conflict between the Arabs and Israel includes every aspect of life, and that what Israel mostly fears is Arab scientific progress, which was proved by the latest aggression in Iraq.

Secretary of the preparatory committee, Yusuf Omeish, also gave a speech in which he praised Prince Hassan's stand in encouraging all scientific development.

The participants then discussed some of the research papers presented during the first session of

the seminar. The seminar was jointly organised by the Arab Federation of Biologists, the University of Jordan, the Yarmouk University, the Royal Medical Services and the WHO.

### Downtown to get more phones

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — Minister of Communications, Mohammad Al Zaben announced today that the telephone problem in downtown Amman would be partially solved by next year.

Dr. Zaben said that the Telecommunication Corporation will install 700 new telephone lines in June next year for institutions and citizens who have applied for telephones a long time ago.

He added that the telephone committee agreed in its meeting today providing 250 new telephone lines for applicants in different areas of Amman and its suburbs.

## Basma opens YWCA's 9th flower show

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, deputising for Her Majesty Queen Zein, opened at the Jordan Intercontinental hotel this afternoon the ninth flower show organised by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Amman.

The president of the YWCA made a speech on the various activities of the association and said that the revenues of this show will be allocated for the benefit of the cultural centre which the YWCA will establish in the Al Baq'a camp.

The show in which several embassies and Arab and foreign airline companies are participating includes many kinds of local and foreign flowers.

Princess Basma distributed awards to the participants in the show.

## UNRWA gets \$3 million extra aid from Iraq

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — The Iraqi government has donated \$3 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), besides its regular donation of \$500,000.

Iraqi embassy sources said the donation came in response to appeals made by United Nations Sec-

retary General Kurt Waldheim and UNRWA General Commissioner Olof Rydbeck.

Last year, the Iraqi government made two donations to UNRWA totalling \$5 million to salvage the agency's educational services from being terminated.

## Hassan visits army H.Q.

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today visited the army headquarters during which he met Commander in Chief of the Jordanian armed forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Chief of Staff Gen. Abdulhadi Al Majali, and a number of high ranking officers.



## Amman mayor returns after Arab Information Ministers' Conference



Mr. Isam Al Ajlouni

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — Amman Mayor Isam Al Ajlouni returned to Amman this evening after leading the delegation of the Arab Cities Organisation to the Arab Information Ministers Conference recently concluded in Tunis.

Mr. Ajlouni said that the conference approved a draft agreement between the Arab Cities Organisation and the Arab Information Ministers' Council as part of the Arab information guidance strategy.

agreement contains guidelines for the Arab approach to international unions in the United States and other countries through establishments between Arab and American cities where the Arab communities.

Mr. Ajlouni explained the draft will also include organising of art teams to appear world with the character of Arab city and consequent role of the Arab individual cultural development world.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — The celebrations marking the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Week will begin at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City tomorrow evening. A delegation from Azerbaijan arrived in Amman today to participate in the celebration. An Azerbaijani folklore troupe of 22 dancers also arrived in Amman. An exhibition of handicrafts and works of art will be on show. Documentary films will also be shown on the people of the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan, their customs and traditions. Azerbaijan folk dancing and songs will also be presented.

IRBID, June 15 (Petra) — The Yarmouk University today organised a special celebration in honour of the new graduates and their parents. The celebration concluded a variety show by the Jordanian armed forces band and the Yarmouk University band. At the end of the celebration, the dean of the Arts and Sciences Faculty distributed awards to those graduates who attained first-class degrees.

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — General Secretary of the ministry of Foreign Affairs Amer Shammout today met separately with the ambassadors of Britain and West Germany to Jordan. During the meetings he discussed with them bilateral relations between Jordan and their countries, and the current situation of the Middle East.

KARAK, June 15 (Petra) — The budget of the Al Iraq rural council in the Karak governorate has totalled JD 103,710, including JD 10,000 allocated for building a maternity centre and JD 12,000 for constructing a building for the rural council. Meanwhile, the Jordan Cooperative Organisation has approved the allocation of JD 30,000 to the Al Amr agricultural cooperative villages society to be spent in the form of loans to pay for irrigation projects in the Al Mujib area in Karak governorate.

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — Eleven citizens were injured as a result of ten traffic accidents in different areas of Jordan, source at the Public Security Directorate announced today. Six of those injured were reported to be in serious condition.

MAFRAQ, June 15 (Petra) — The Mafraq district officer has approved the budget of the H-5 rural council amounting to JD 21,500. JD 7,000 are allocated for building a clinic and a further JD 7,000 are allocated for the construction of a building to house the rural council. The remainder of the budget are allocated for streets and other services. Meanwhile, a semi-automated telephone switchboard has been installed in the Sama Al Sarban town in Mafraq district. The switchboard contains 75 telephone lines which will be put to use this month. There is another switchboard in the town which contains 100 telephone lines.

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — A fire broke out in the southern area of Al Nabi Hod town in Jerash district today. The fire extended to an area of 10 dunams and damaged 350 forest trees. The Public Security Directorate appealed to citizens to be cautious and careful when making fires in the forests and to make sure that they do extinguish them before they leave to protect the forest resources.

IRBID, June 15 (Petra) — The Irbid district electricity company began work on implementing the high-pressure and low-pressure electric networks and the installing distribution networks and the necessary power transformation stations to electrify the town of Bahfah in the Irbid governorate. The cost of these works, which will be completed in the next two months, is JD 30,000.

## Arab Bank Limited to manage SR 1b. facility for Saudi Oger



This month marked a new record for banking in the Middle East, when the Amman-based Arab Bank Limited became the sole lead manager and agent for the Saudi riyals 1,008,751,250 syndicated guarantee facility in favour of Saudi Oger Limited. This is the largest syndicated guarantee facility yet to be signed for a single private company. The facility covers performance and advance payment guarantees to enable the company to execute vital government projects in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia totalling Saudi riyals 4.035 billion.

Mr. Khalid Shoman, the Arab Bank's Deputy Chairman and Deputy General Manager, presided over the signing ceremony. A total of 33 banks participated in the facility, while the signing ceremony was attended by 75 bankers representing the banks in addition to members of the press.

Managers of the facility were: Algemene Bank Nederland N.V., American Express Bank International Group, Arab Banking Corporation, Bank of America N.T. & S.A., Banque de l'Indochine et de Suez, Banque Nationale de Paris, The Bank of Tokyo Ltd.,

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Co-managers of the facility were: Al Bank Al Saudi Al Fransi, Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait B.S.C., Grindlay's International, The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, National Bank of Bahrain B.S.C., Saudi American Bank, State Bank of India, Standard Chartered Bank Ltd., Saudi Lebanese Bank for the Middle East, Paris, The Sumitomo Bank Ltd., The Royal Bank of Canada.

Mr. Khalid Shoman appears in the centre of the picture while signing the contract; on his left is Mr. Rafik Al Hariri, Chairman of the Board of Saudi Oger, and on his right appears Mr. Makram Rahal, Senior Manager of Arab Bank (Offshore Banking Unit) in Manama.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Exhibitions

- \* Painting exhibition by Iraqi artist Hafez Hasan, at the Holiday Inn hotel in Amman.
- \* Annual exhibition at the Ajloun district community college in Ajloun.
- \* Painting exhibition by Omar Hamdan and Ayyad Al Nemer, at Alia Art Gallery in Shmeisani.
- \* The Age of Shakespeare exhibition, at the Alcazar Hotel in Aqaba.

### Films

- \* "Fata Morgana" (1976), and "La Soufriere", at 8 p.m., at the institute in Jabal Amman. (in German, with English subtitles).
- \* "Richard II", at 8 p.m., at the Alcazar Hotel in Aqaba.

### Videotape programme

- \* A videotape summary of CBS television news for the past week, at noon and 4 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

## Dudin back from Iraq



AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture M. Dudin returned this morning after a four-day visit to Iraq which he looked into agricultural projects carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture particularly in the Baghdad area. Upon his arrival here Dudin paid tribute to the Iraqi agricultural projects which are supplying Baghdad with its agricultural goods. He also noted that Iraqi agriculture achieves self-sufficiency, reduces its agricultural imports from neighbouring countries in the region.

The minister also called on Jordanian farmers to vary their agricultural products and part of the vegetable crops: tomatoes and eggplants with crops and fodder that are in the market.

An Iraqi agricultural delegation will arrive in Amman next week to hold talks here on broad agricultural cooperation between the two countries, Mr. Dudin said.

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# Haya Centre open new amphitheatre

By Dina Matar  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Children, teenagers and adults will soon be enjoying plays and shows to be performed at the new Haya Arts Centre amphitheatre. The JD 100,000 amphitheatre set against a ground of lush greenery, is a replica of the old model. When completed this month, it will hold as many as 2,000 spectators at a time.

The idea was first initiated four years ago, among other plans then in the mind of Haya Centre's ambitious director, Mr. Nabil Tha. He says, "I hope this will be the core of more cultural activities in the future."

Children will be able to attend enjoy shows, music performances, story-telling and other activities there. Bands will perform in the open air, and the pleasant climate with the pleasant breeze around will surely turn performance into a success.

Shows will be mostly performed during the day, since no lighting is to be installed at this time. "We want to keep the cost down just cause a hole in our pocket," Mr. Sawalha, who insists on saving, told the Jordan Times.

Years ago, the active director took the initial step for the theatre when he asked for financial aid from various private and public institutions in Jordan. A response came forth, but nobody offered anything, and I started cutting down on expenses and salaries," Mr. Tha said. "Now, we have just to cover the initial cost of

the project."

The project first estimated at JD 100,000 was too much, and the meagre savings could barely cover one tenth of that. Mr. Sawalha says: "I finally got a contractor to do the job for JD 6,000 — that is just to put up the cement seats and the cement stage."

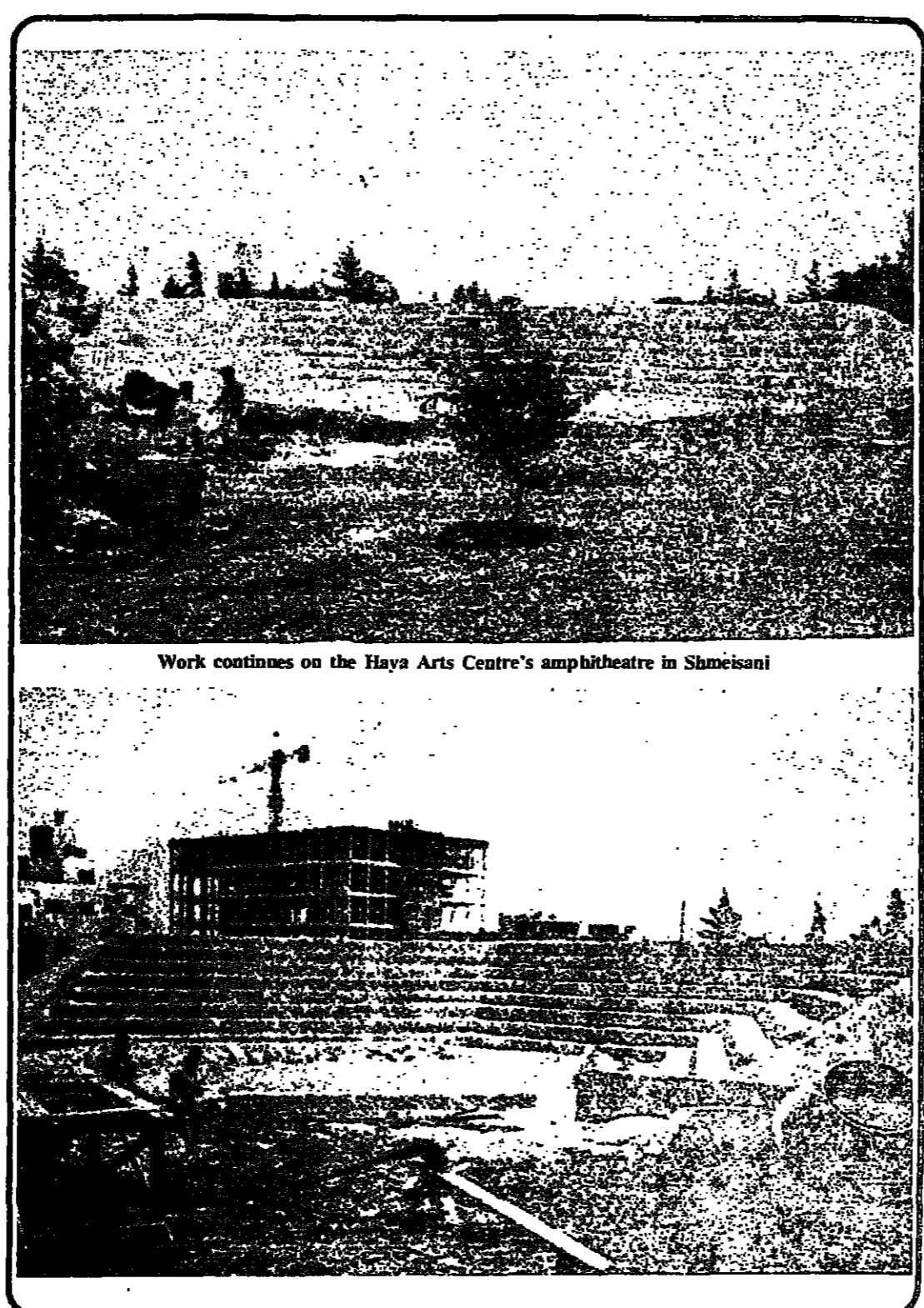
His further appeals for financial aid were turned down, but nothing could deter him for going on. "The project is not only for entertaining people," Mr. Sawalha said. "It also brings returns to the country, because it would display a hidden potential in our people."

The work has not been easy or cheap. Many a day, Mr. Sawalha had to supervise the work himself, and the cost went higher and higher. But, with the determination of the Haya Centre personnel and the strong will of its director, the project is now in its final stages.

This summer, the Haya Arts Centre will be buzzing with outdoor activities; readings from plays, and daily competitive outdoor games will attract more children than usual. "It is high time that we exploit our cultural potential, and our peoples' abilities," Mr. Sawalha remarked. "Jordanian people are quite artistic and talented. I am sure that these characteristics can bloom in a relaxed, open atmosphere."

"Encouraging our youth, and creating opportunities for their artistic bloom, is essential in Jordan," Mr. Sawalha said. Expensive buildings do not make people happy, and complicated schemes are not that important, he added. "What we really need are simple, ordinary, cheap places where every family could go."

According to Mr. Sawalha, the Jordanian people have a sense of culture which has been hidden



Work continues on the Haya Arts Centre's amphitheatre in Shmeisani

under a blank, unresponsive attitude. "The conflicts we live in do not bring out the best we have," he said.

The amphitheatre might alleviate this problem, since the cosy, casual atmosphere there would be an incentive for competitive drama and other activities.

"We have high hopes for our children," Mr. Sawalha said, "and in the long run, such projects would bring economic returns to the country. We just hope that institutions shed their materialistic opinions and interests, and start cultivating the skills of children," he concluded.

# Highly-specialised workshop to produce scientific gear

By Phyllis Hughes  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A glassblowing workshop, the first of its kind in the entire Middle East, is being set up in Amman to produce highly specialised scientific equipment.

The workshop, based at Amman polytechnic, is expected to save Jordan thousands of dinars every year with the products it makes.

Two British experts have been advising on the workshop's establishment and are currently helping to organise it. Both are based at Bristol polytechnic in England, which is the only place in that country to teach the techniques of glassblowing in this special field.

The small workshop has nine benches, each fed with a supply of oxygen and butane. This mixture, heated to 2,500 degrees Centigrade, is used to soften the glass that is being worked.

The malleable glass is moulded, stretched and blown to produce such instruments as test tubes, stirring rods, condensers, flasks and measuring cylinders.

The items produced at the workshop will be used in hospitals and laboratories all over the country — saving Jordan thousands of dinars in imports every year.

Mr. Alex Newman and Mr. Paul Houlden are to spend three weeks in Amman setting up the workshop and overseeing the start of work.

Mr. Houlden is an experienced glassblower. He said: "Glassblowing is extremely dangerous. If there is a leakage of gas and oxygen then there would be an almighty explosion."

"Safety precautions have to be very strict. The bottles of gas must be kept outside in a separate building."

Then once the men are handling the glass there are all sorts of

"We will be saving the country a lot of money, and also the equipment will be easily available instead of waiting months for deliveries," he said.

The first group of students are laboratory technicians who will be taught the basics of handling the expensive machinery, but not the arts of glassblowing itself.

Mr. Houlden said that trainee glassblowers have to have an understanding of both chemistry and physics, as well as a talent for the glassblowing art.

"They need to understand physics to calculate the correct size for their equipment," he said. "And they need to know chemistry, because they will often be told only what experiment the equipment is needed for. Then they have to design the appropriate piece."

Engineer Alex Newman has been installing the \$50,000 worth of equipment, which includes two glassblowing lathes. He will have to check the workshop for 24 hours once it is finished, to make sure there is no drop in pressure from the gas before he can declare it safe for use.

Equipment for the workshop has been provided through aid from Britain and the World Bank, while Jordan has purchased some itself.

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# University Hospital has its own expansion plan

By Abba Majaj  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The five-year plan is waiting for approval. But this time, it is for the University of Jordan Hospital, whose director, Dr. Izzat Sankari, talked about it to the Jordan Times.

When the hospital was first designed in the late-1960's, it was intended as a general hospital serving the Amman area in conjunction with government hospitals in existence. Dr. Sankari said. But with the increasing number of medical students at the University of Jordan, it was decided, after nearly two years of planning and discussion, to make a decision to build a general teaching hospital.

At the existing hospital, Dr. Sankari said, "it must include



Dr. Izzat Sankari

so many facilities which will fulfil the aims of teaching. It must have types of sophisticated equipment and medical technology which is not really needed in a general hospital.

"We have reached the conclusion of the new designs for building new out-patient clinics, with adequate waiting areas for visitors, and clinical laboratories," the director continued. "Also, we have plans for some additions which will enlarge the X-ray department, as well as including facilities for nuclear medicine and enlarging the emergency room."

The hospital's five-year plan includes the expansion of its stores, as "this is a problem. Most of the drugs and equipment needed by the hospital is imported, and the existing storage facilities are not adequate, as some supplies must be stored for up to six months ahead."

Other areas to be expanded are the pharmacy and laundry, again due to the present inadequacy of these facilities.

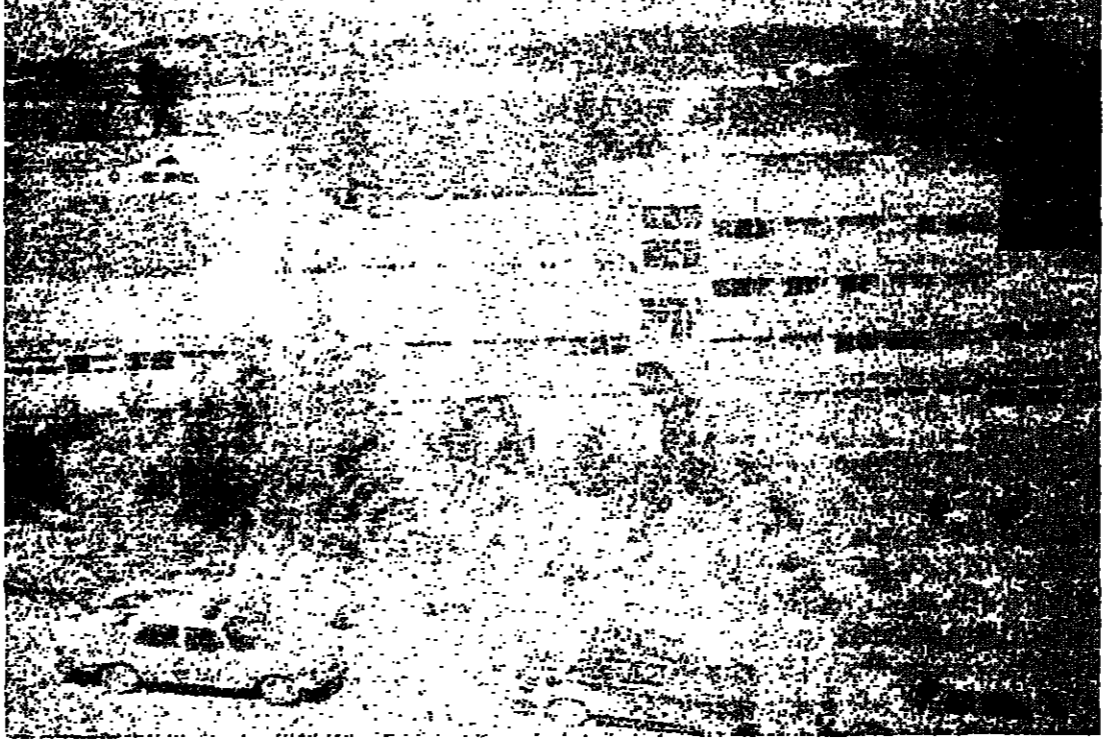
Dr. Sankari estimates that 50,000 square metres need to be constructed according to the five-year plan. A new burn unit and intensive cardiac care unit (ICCU) are to be built, which will help meet the requirements of the hospital and patients.

"We already have an ICU (Intensive Care Unit), but the trend now is to separate the cardiac cases. We will also build two additional large operating theatres," he added.

The total estimated cost of the entire five-year plan is JD 15 million, of which JD 10 million will be directed towards the existing hospital building itself. The remaining JD 5 million will cover other expenses to be faced, such as the planned hostel which will accommodate 200 doctors, both men and women. This hostel is expected to cost about half a million dinars.

Another project included in the five-year plan is the construction of a JD 4 million satellite hospital. Once built, the bed capacity of the University of Jordan Hospital will be increased by 160 beds, and the total number of beds will reach 700. Out of the 160 beds to be added, 40 will be for ear, nose, and throat patients; 60 will be in the ophthalmology section; and 60 will be for patients who undergo orthopaedic surgery. This satellite will also include operating theatres.

The eighth floor of the hospital is currently being used as sleeping



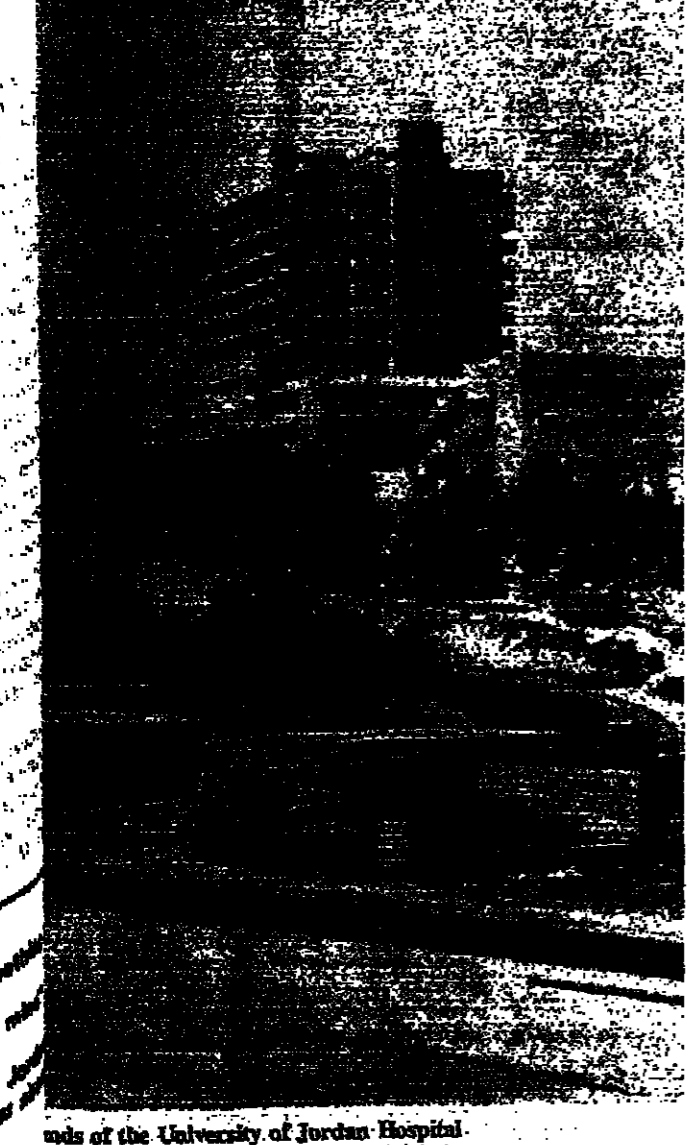
The University of Jordan's Faculty of Medicine

quarters for the 70 or so residents and 50 interns. However, it was originally designed to be used as the paediatrics section. The current five-year plan calls for this floor to be put to its originally-intended use. It will have 50 beds, and an ICU especially for children, Dr. Sankari said. When it is finished, there will be two intensive care units, each having 12 beds. The remainder of the eighth floor will be reserved for paediatric surgery and a special paediatric isolation unit. This project is expected to cost JD 155,000.

In addition to the JD 15 million, which will be given to the hospital by the government and the University of Jordan, Dr. Sankari estimates that a 10% annual increase in nurses, technicians, and administrative staff is required over the five-year plan to carry out all this expansion and ensure that things run smoothly and efficiently once the expansion is completed. But, considering that the University of Jordan Hospital only opened its doors eight short years ago (on April 23, 1973) with a mere 50 beds, its progress and growth has been remarkable.

Dr. Sankari, who was the director of the Royal Medical Services for four years before taking over the directorship of the University of Jordan Hospital in 1974, feels that this five-year plan is definitely needed. He admitted that

the staff is short of nurses ("they get married and leave") and trained technicians, but in a compensatory remark he said he felt that the hospital should be a teaching hospital. And, although Dr. Sankari, a trained surgeon, has not actually operated for some time, he philosophised, "You never stop practicing."



Beds of the University of Jordan Hospital.

The crowded corridors of the hospital's out-patient clinic

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## Cause for concern

THE ISRAELI agriculture minister, Ariel Sharon, has revealed that only one-third of Israel's water supplies originate in the pre-1967 borders of the state, the balance coming from the Golan Heights, Lebanon and the occupied West Bank. The reliance of Israel on the water resources of neighbouring or occupied Arab territory should cause great concern about the future status of those areas. With the return of American special envoy Philip Habib to the region, one should have double cause for concern that the well oiled anti-Arab machinery of the United States and Israel may strike again, using the so-called "missile crisis" as a convenient cover for more strikes at Arab interests.

There is no "missile crisis" in Lebanon. There is only a long-term crisis in the minds of Israeli leaders who can envisage no other future for their country than perpetual warfare against the Arab people, whether in the form of bombing raids in Iraq or territorial occupations closer to home to control the water and land resources that Israel requires for its very survival as an alien, aggressive state in the Middle East. The logical outcome of the negotiating effort of Mr. Habib to date is for Israel to be awarded more or less de jure control of southern Lebanon, including the area's water resources, and a free hand to use its plentiful American armaments to strike against the Palestinian resistance. This will be heralded as a great achievement in the United States. And it will be -- a great achievement for the anti-Arab instincts of those Americans and Israelis whose view of the Arab World is governed by racist and self-serving principles. The rein lies the root of the crisis.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

**AL RA'Ï:** The speech made by His Majesty King Hussein yesterday at the Yarmouk University commencement ceremony put the treacherous Zionist aggression against Iraq in its proper perspective. His Majesty told all Arabs that the attack against the Iraqi nuclear installations has made confrontation this nation's only choice. The King gave an accurate, comprehensive evaluation of the current Arab situation and revealed the real source of the continued aggression to which our nation has been subjected since the beginning of its modern history. He outlined the basic challenges which our nation must confront to free its will and realise its aspirations for liberty, progress and stability.

The Zionist entity was never the real source of aggression against our nation, but a mere tool, used by the United States to blackmail the countries of the region, plunder their oil resources and manipulate them according to Washington's interests and conditions.

Moreover, the Zionist entity could not have survived, expanded and defied the world with such obstinate arrogance, had the United States not supplied it so freely with the most sophisticated weapons and with funds plundered from the hungry peoples of the world.

It is time that the United States and all protectors of the Zionist entity realised that this nation will no longer accept political niceties, which are ineffective in warding off aggression threatening its very existence.

It is also time that all Arab leaders who believe that they are safe from aggression realised the contrary, however remote their countries may be from the confrontation lines.

The King's speech yesterday was not only a warning to Arabs against the dangers surrounding them, but also a proclamation that this nation's will to achieve progress, preserve its character and resources and regain its rights in Palestine will remain strong and unvanquished.

**AL DUSTOUR:** At a time when the echoes of the Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations were still reverberating, His Majesty the King addressed the Jordanian people, the Arab Nation and a batch of young Jordanian graduates at a site which witnessed one of the most heroic historical victories of our nation. The King's speech called on us to transform the treacherous blow dealt to the Iraqi nuclear installations into an event spurring us into new determination and faith, which would alert us to the dangers surrounding us and guide us to salvation.

Arab leaders who believe that they are safe from aggression should realise that they are not, and that all Arabs have a unified destiny.

The King's speech affirmed the rejection of Jordan and the Arab Nation for the international policy of double standards adopted by the United States toward Israel, and used as a means with which to threaten the Arabs. King Hussein's message was clear: It is time to confront Israel and its allies.

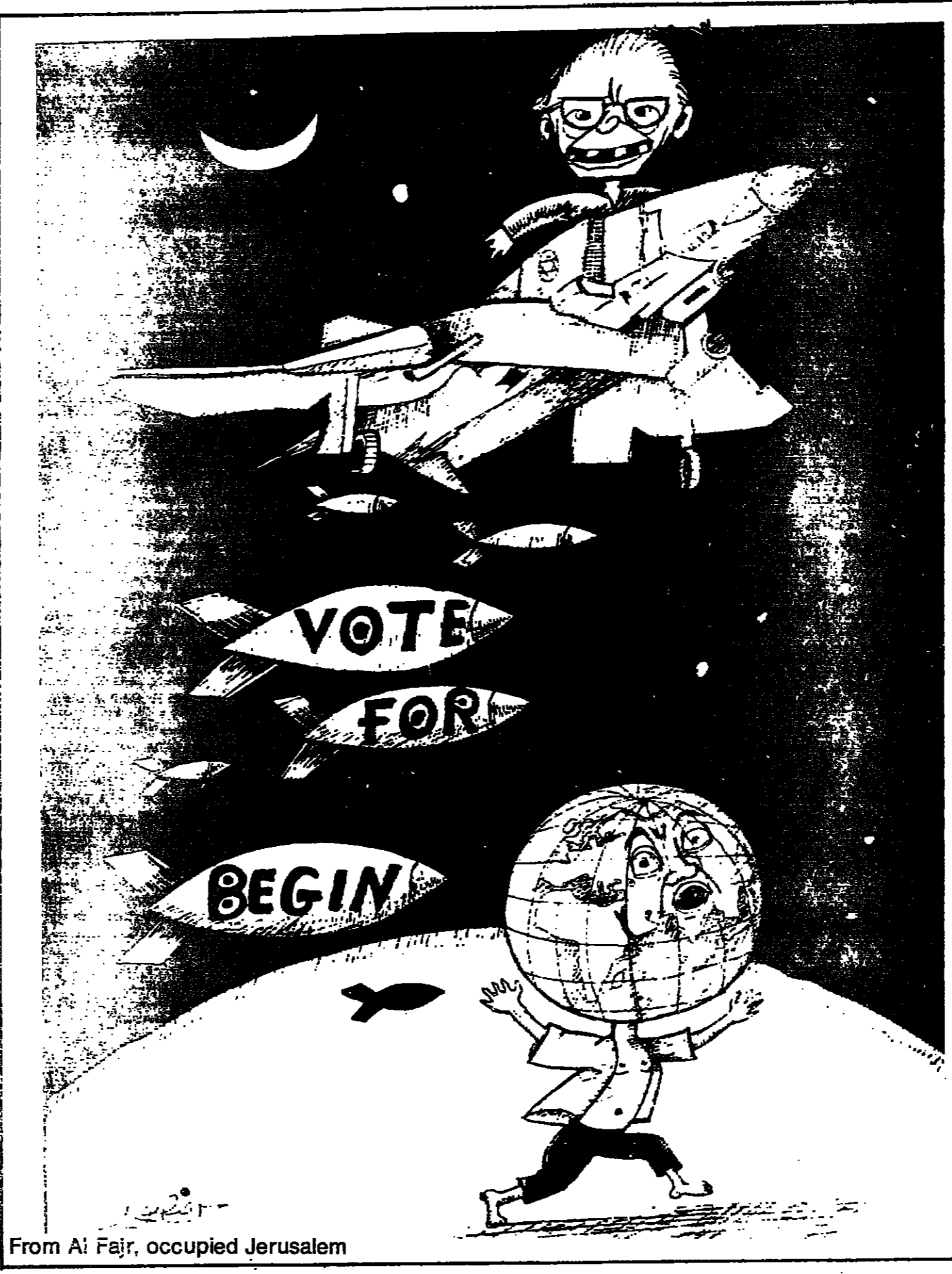
At the University of Yarmouk, where future generations are being prepared to contribute to contemporary civilisation, the King also warned of the dangers and aggression inherent in the project to build a canal linking the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean.

It is hoped that King Hussein's speech at the University of Yarmouk will fire the Arabs into unity and determination to confront the challenge, repulse aggression and create the much desired future.

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# POLITICAL HORIZON

## The Arabs' bad month

By Kamel S. Abu J

I WONDER if any Arab was really shocked at the news of the Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear installations near Baghdad on June 7, 1981. In a previous article entitled "The Arab Malaise", published by the Jordan Times, May 10, 1981, I wondered whether, in medical science, there was a disease where by the parts of a body could appear to function properly when the whole is in complete disarray and helplessness. Are we numbed? Paralysed or sedated? And, what is causing the sedation?

Personally, I find myself both shocked and not so shocked, wavering between frustration, anger and lamentation on the one hand, and a fatalistic attitude of helplessness on the other.

Our brains have been drained out and I think that, as a people, our emotions too have been drained out. Have we been turned inside out with our entrails drying in our desert sands and hot climate? Or have we been turned upside down to see illusions of reality at a constantly distorted angle?

How did the Israeli, American-made fighter planes achieve their objective and why are we so vulnerable? Many Arabs used to feel that ultimately we would recuperate and that in time the situation in which we find ourselves would be corrected. There is truth in this assumption. The forces of history cannot be reversed and we are developing and learning. Yet, what is happening to us in the meantime? Cannot something be done to at least halt, if not reverse, the trend and thus speed-up our recovery?

Israel is a daily aggression on our lives, our children and our future. Witness the Jordanian newspaper headlines just this month; the month of June seems to bear bad tidings for us.

Our newspapers reported on the first of June the shelling of Beirut at the rate of a every five seconds. On June 4, the Jordanian newspaper warned of the danger of the Dead Sea with the M. On the same day an Arab newspaper reported that President Sadat's meeting with Begin's meeting reported on June 4, a day of some securing in Arab-Jewish history, reported, among other things, that President Sadat had visited the Ibrahimi Mosque in Jerusalem next morning prayer not know if they wish as the newspaper report anything report event the next day.

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# The United States versus the Third World

By Erik Eckholm

WASHINGTON — In May, the United States was the only nation at the World Health Organisation (WHO) Assembly to vote against an international code of conduct on the marketing of infant milk powders. 118 nations voted for the code.

In instructing his delegates to vote "no", President Ronald Reagan ignored the advice of many of his professional diplomats and health officials. Two of them resigned over the issue.

Many diplomats here, both American and foreign, fear that this stance is part of an emerging pattern. The U.S. appears to be closing down dialogue and cooperation with the Third World on issue after issue.

Take the U.N. Law of the Sea treaty. After seven years of arduous global negotiations, in which all sides made painful concessions, an agreed treaty text seemed close to final form last spring.

Western countries have been unhappy with aspects of the text covering seabed mining, which would place international controls on free enterprise in the global commons of the deep seas. But these same nations have won major concessions of freedom of navigation and the limits of territorial waters, issues of great military and commercial significance.

The Reagan administration, pointing to what it sees as international economic precedents in the draft text, has abruptly stalled the negotiations, leaving other nations to spin their wheels in fruitless meetings while the U.S. "thoroughly reviews" its position.

While final U.S. decisions have not been made, early signs suggest dimming prospects for the treaty. Concerns about the mining provisions seem to have paramount status in the minds of U.S. leaders, and the current review is almost certain to produce U.S. demands that a negotiation-weary world community will not accept.

Meanwhile, the moderate Third World leaders who engineered key compromises with the Western bloc have been left out on shaky limbs.

Another shift on a matter of interest in the Third World occurred within a few weeks of Mr. Reagan's January inauguration. In late 1980, President Carter had approved a policy to put limited controls on the export of hazardous materials, many of which are banned or restricted in the United States.

Earlier scandals, such as the shipment to unwary countries of infant sleepwear, flame-proofed with the cancer-causing chemical *tris*, had indicated a need for controls on both moral and political grounds, and also to protect the reputation of the "Made in the U.S." label. At the same time, the need to avoid undue red tape or restrictions on trade was widely acknowledged.

Through a contentious two-year decision-making process in which a variety of interest groups, including affected industries and environmentalists, participated, a compromise was hammered out. Primary reliance was to be placed on simple procedures to notify foreign governments when hazardous substances were coming their way, with U.S. export controls applied only to a handful of extremely dangerous materials.

But Mr. Reagan, at the urging of affected ind-

ustries, wasted little time in scrapping even this weak policy, calling it unnecessarily burdensome. Proposed measures to strengthen controls over exports of toxic chemical wastes (which some companies have tried to ship to the Third World) were also derailed.

In the case of the infant food code, the U.S. government had throughout 1980 negotiated with the WHO secretariat and other governments, and with great success.

Originally, a majority of nations had indicated support for an extremely restrictive code with the legal status of regulations. Under strong U.S. pressure, however, the code was fundamentally tra-

nsformed.

The final proposal, adopted in May, was merely for recommended principles from which each country could pick and choose according to its own social and legal context. The major legal concerns expressed by the U.S. government had been met, and the resulting code does not set up the feared international regulatory structure.

But the infant milk manufacturers raised a political tempest nonetheless, portraying the code as a test case for the free enterprise system. They found a ready ear in the Reagan White House, and the baby food controversy became the first issue over which high-ranking Reagan administration

officials resigned for reasons of conscience. These and other recent policies shatter. In many cases, continuing to appear to have been virtually ignored.

Internationally, Mr. Reagan's shift pulled the rug from under the model compromisers of the Third World their future effectiveness in international negotiations.

Foreign countries cannot, of course newly-elected government accounts, negotiating positions of its predecessor. Reagan was elected on a platform of free enterprise and opposing over-regulation, and in each of these categories guarding important long-term principles.

But many U.S. and foreign diplomats, complex, long-standing issues have been over by the new administration, calling States' credibility into question.

As a resigning aid official said about his vote on the infant milk code, it is in the world as a victory for corporate over the legitimate health concerns of countries.

There are also fears here that major decisions may ultimately be unproductive.

It is possible that the benefits of sea which will require massive corporate investment would be more likely to materialise imperfect but stabilising terms of a La treaty, than in a climate of legal uncertainty and international hostility. And what will be the cost in lives and military costs if the agreement collapses?

What will be the foreign policy when an impoverished country finds dumping ground for toxic U.S. wastes, a secret agreement between a government and a U.S. firm?

Does the increasing polarisation of milk products marketing make it less firms will be subjected to harsh and regulations by Third World governments might company and governmental norms of ethical conduct defuse the instantly protecting both infants and enterprise?

Cynical Washington columnists have often noted that when the partisan rhetoric away, one U.S. president's foreign policy like another's. For example President Reagan's support for human rights while the same El-Salvadoran government's president Reagan does.

But some Washington observers new president could set U.S. foreign new course, one which isolates his on the Third World on many matters international development, environmental cooperation.



What's good for U.S. industry is good for the world.

Cartoon: David Austin

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MIDDLE EAST

Bani-Sadr can continue as president, Khomeini rules

TEHRAN, June 15 (R) — President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, sacked last week by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini as commander-in-chief of the Iranian armed forces, can carry on his duties as president, the revolutionary leader has ruled.

The statement was read out in the Majlis by Mr. Ali Akbar Moftari, oil minister in the Bazargan administration that fell in November 1979 after militant students stormed the United States embassy in Tehran.

Ayatollah Khomeini, who sacked Mr. Bani-Sadr from supreme command of the armed forces last week, said yesterday the 48-year-old French-trained economist could continue as president.

"Nothing new has happened," the 81-year-old religious and political leader said yesterday. "The president can carry out his duty as the president. It is not necessary for him to be the chief of state..."

Several political factions ranging from pro-Western to Marxist-oriented groups announced they would march in the city and the demonstration was expected to turn into a display of support for Mr. Bani-Sadr in his feud with the country's Muslim fundamentalist rulers.

Cries of protest broke out in the clergy-dominated assembly as the letter was read out, but Majlis Speaker Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani allowed the reading to continue.

The Bazargan letter, broadcast live from the Majlis by state radio, was the former prime minister's first statement on the political tension of the past week which has seen the president stripped of virtually all his powers.

"I emphatically order the commanders that political issues must not be raised in the army," he said. The Ayatollah said there was a trend in the country trying to shift Iran back towards the United States.

The revolutionary prosecutor, in a statement broadcast by state radio last night, invited Hezbollahis -- Muslim fundamentalists branded by their opponents as street-fighting club wielders -- to prevent the demonstration.

After about an hour of debate on various issues, the assembly moved on to agenda business with no immediate sign of action on a motion signed yesterday by more than 120 deputies calling for debate on the competence of President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr.

It said the opposition's statements were censored by the state-run radio and television, while its meetings were broken up and its speakers hampered by "irresponsible groups known to be supported by the establishment."

Bazargan boycotts Majlis

In a further development of the situation in Iran, the former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan announced a partial boycott of Iran's Majlis (parliament) today in protest at what he called insults, threats and a ban on opposition newspapers.

A letter signed by Mr. Bazargan, the veteran nationalist politician who headed Iran's first post-revolutionary government, and two fellow Majlis deputies from Tehran, said: "We hereby announce that until the insults, threats and illegal bans cease, as a protest we will not attend Majlis sessions except those on the budget and the war (against Iraq)."

Speaker Rafsanjani yesterday temporarily blocked the debate, which would be the first step towards a possible dismissal of the president by revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

This appeared to be a reference to extremists who were reported to have assaulted Bazargan supporter Mr. Ibrahim Yazdi while he was making a speech in Shiraz last week.

Threats to kill chancellor taken seriously in Austria

VIENNA, June 15 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky has been heavily guarded by anti-terrorist police since a magazine last month quoted a Syrian-based Palestinian commando group as threatening to kill him, police said today.

"We have specially trained police groups guarding the chancellor around the clock," a police spokesman said.

Last month the Austrian news magazine Profil quoted three members of a group calling itself Fateh-Revolution Committee as saying it was behind the May 1

murder of Vienna City Councillor Heinz Nittel and also planned to kill Dr. Kreisky. "We are taking these threats very seriously and we are not going to risk anything, therefore special measures have been taken," a spokesman for the chancellor said.

7 executed in Iran

TEHRAN, June 15 (R) — Seven men have been executed after being convicted of several charges including actively promoting the Baha'i faith, the Islamic Republic newspaper reported today.

The other charges included cooperation with the regime of the former Shah and its SAVAK secret police, cooperation with the "Zionist espionage network", sending foreign exchange to Israel and attempts to defame Iran's revolutionary organs and clergy.

Unlike other minority religions the Baha'i faith, which has headquarters in Israel, is not protected by Iran's revolutionary constitution.

There are an estimated 400,000 Baha'is in Iran, though large numbers have fled since the 1979 revolution.

Qadhafi ready to visit Iraq, Morocco and Saudi Arabia

LONDON, June 15 (R) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi wants to mend his relations with Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, all of whom severed diplomatic ties with Tripoli on separate occasions last year, the official Libyan Jamahiriya News Agency (JANA) has said.

Arab Democratic Republic proclaimed by the Polisario Front which seeks independence for the Western Sahara, the former Spanish colony controlled by Morocco.

In a despatch to Reuters in London, JANA quoted Col. Qadhafi as saying in a speech at an air base on June 11: "We are ready to resume relations with Rabat, Riyadh and Baghdad. We declare that we have done away with all bilateral considerations. We have also decided not to incite any Arab differences until Israel was eliminated."

The Saudi move last October came after Libya accused the Riyadh government of allowing U.S. military aircraft to desecrate the Muslim holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

Col. Qadhafi said he was ready to visit the three Arab countries. Morocco broke off relations with Libya in April 1980 after Tripoli recognised the Saharan

Iraq severed relations the same month after accusing Libya of airlifting arms to Iraq's enemy in the Gulf war, Iran.

JANA quoted Col. Qadhafi as saying Israel was a threat to all Arab countries after its air raid on an Iraqi nuclear reactor last week.

The Israeli nuclear centre of Dimona should be destroyed in retaliation, he said in an interview last Thursday, the agency added.

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SPORTS NEWS BRIEFS

World chess championship postponed

AMSTERDAM, June 15 (R) — The president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) has postponed the World Championship final after failing to help the family of self-exiled Soviet challenger Viktor Korchnoi to leave the Soviet Union.

Somerset joins Sussex at the top

LONDON, June 15 (R) — Gloucestershire lost their last eight wickets for nine runs, West Indian Joel Garner taking four of them in seven balls, as Somerset snatched an unlikely win to move into top of the Sunday Cricket League yesterday.

Red Star Belgrade win the League

BELGRADE, June 15 (R) — Police had to protect a referee when he was attacked by players on the final day of the Yugoslav First Division soccer championship yesterday.

Basketball training courses at U.J.

AMMAN, June 15 (Petra) — The Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Jordan, Dr. Rashid Daqr, deputising for the University president, today opened two international basketball refereeing and training courses at the temporary headquarters of the Faculty of Physical Education.

Each basketball union affiliated to the Arab Basketball Federation has two students and two referees attending the two courses and 32 Jordanian students are also taking part.

Sports City Club women's tennis tournament postponed

AMMAN, June 15 — The Women's singles tennis tournament scheduled to start today at the Sports City Club has been postponed until the last week of September due to an insufficient number of participants.

Chile beats Ecuador and qualifies for World Cup

SANTIAGO, June 15 (R) — Chile became the second South American country to qualify for next year's World Cup soccer championship in Madrid by beating Ecuador 2-0 last night.

THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson. A cartoon showing a man and a woman sitting at a table. The man says: "We have the perfect marriage. He wins the bread and brings home the bacon and I raise lettuce and tomatoes out back."

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee. Includes a cartoon about theater seating and a word puzzle.

English F.A. propose a new goalie rule

RUTHIN, Wales, June 15 (A.P.) — Soccer goalkeepers can carry on 'time wasting' right through next year's World Cup finals. The International Board meeting here yesterday agreed to clamp down on keepers rolling the ball around their area—but the 20 delegates could not produce a suitable wording for the clause so the rule cannot be introduced until 1982-83 at the earliest.

President's Cup football tournament

SEOUL, June 15 (R) — Argentina's Racing de Cordoba lead group 'A' of the 11th President's Cup football tournament after their second victory today, a 1-0 win over Japan in the central provincial city of Tacjon.

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